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FOREWORD

The Congress of Vienna (1815) united Belgium to Holland to form the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Dissatisfaction with the Dutch rule caused Belgium to revolt in August 1830. This led to the formation of a Provisional Government and subsequently to the adoption of a Constitution for the new nation. In 1831 Prince Leopold of Saxe Coburg-Gotha was elected King and took the oath of office in July of the same year at which time he assumed the title Leopold I. The first coinage for modern Belgium was struck by virtue of the Law of June 5, 1832 and the earliest coins of the Kingdom bear that date.

Belgium's vast African empire was developed under Leopold II (1865-1909). The Congo Free State was established under the sovereignty of the King in 1885 and its issues of coins date from 1887 onwards.

Since French and Flemish are both official languages in Belgium, it was customary after 1886 to mint part of the coins with French legends and part with Flemish legends. Later issues frequently bear bilingual inscriptions with a French legend and its Flemish equivalent both appearing on a single piece.

This list is intended for the collector who requires more complete data than that which appears in COINS OF THE WORLD 20TH CENTURY. In the cases where a single type appears with both French legends and Flemish legends we have listed both pieces. We have endeavoured to make the listings of dates and numbers of pieces coined as complete and as accurate as possible. Most of this information has been supplied to us by the Director of the Brussels mint.

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THE MINT OF BRUSSELS



The Mint of Brussels or l'Hotel des Monnaies de Bruxelles has by this date passed its millenium. The first coinage definitely known to have been struck in its workshops, dates from the end of the 10th century. These pieces consist of silver deniers bearing the legend BRVOCSELLA and minted by the Counts of Louvain who ruled over the province of Brussels.

During the Middle Ages the territory which now comprises modern Belgium possessed numerous mints. A great number of Counts and Dukes had acquired regal rights including the right of coining money, and each principality of Belgium had at least one mint. In Brabant there were a great many: Brussels, Louvain, Vilvorde, Bois-le Duc, Maastricht, etc.

Under the rule of the Dukes of Burgundy many measures were initiated tending towards the centralization of the powers of government. As one means towards that end, the Dukes of

Burgundy sought to reduce the number of independent mints. These steps met with vigorous opposition as each of the ancient principalities desired to preserve its own coining establishment, the privilege of coining money being looked upon as a visible symbol of the autonomy of the province. Nevertheless progress was made in the direction of reducing the number of independent minting establishments.

When the Hapsburgs of Austria ruled over Belgium still more progress was made and more independent mints were closed. By the end of the 18th century Belgium possessed but one mint, that of Brussels.

The Mint of Brussels has not confined its coining activity solely to the production of metallic currency for Belgium and its colony, the Congo. The Mint has executed many coinage commissions entrusted to it by foreign governments. Moreover the Mint has produced numerous medals, seals, dies, etc.

for official institutions and for private groups in Belgium.

The Government Assay Office or Bureau de la Garantie of Belgium is installed within the premises of the mint and is served by the mint technicians. The assayers not only have the normal duties associated with mint assayers but they also analyse bars of precious metals and other objects made of gold, silver or platinum which are presented for that purpose by the public.

The present Mint buildings were opened in 1880. The Mint proper is an edifice designed after the style of Louis XIII as if recalling the fact that it was during the reign of that monarch that so many mechanical improvements were discovered which pertain to the process of coinage.

The mint possesses all of the facilities and workshops needed in the production of metallic currency. These include shops for the casting and rolling of coinage alloys, workrooms wherein are manufactured punches, matrices and dies for striking coins, and departments equipped with modern machinery for stamping out blanks, milling edges of coin planchets, etc. The main coining room contains 19 coining presses which have a total capacity for striking 600,000 pieces of money within an eight hour day.

The Mint of Brussels possesses a magnificent collection of punches, matrices, and dies of both coins and medals. The majority of these date from the 18th century. Of special significance is the inclusion of all the master dies and matrices which have been employed in the manufacture of coinage dies used for striking Belgian coins from the year 1830 when Belgium became a sovereign state.

At the beginning of World War II the metallic currency of Belgium consisted of coins in silver, pure nickel, copper nickel and bronze. During the course of the German occupation more than 600,000,000 pieces of currency in zinc were struck in the Brussels Mint.

In 1948 the Government decided to replace all of its existing coinage with coins of new type: pieces of 100, 50 and 20 francs in silver, with a fineness of 835; pieces of 5 francs and of 1 franc in copper nickel; and pieces of 20 and of 10 centimes in bronze.

The new coin of 100 francs is dedicated to the reigning dynasty and bears on its obverse the conjoined busts of Leopold I, Leopold II, Albert and Leopold II. The pieces of 50 and of 20 francs symbolize Commerce and bear the head of Mercury. Agriculture in the form of a head of Ceres appears on the 5 francs and 1 franc coins. Industry is honored on the 50 centime pieces with the head of a miner. Altho production of the new pieces has already started, it is estimated that the mint will be engaged in heavy production for at least four years.

A resume of the coinage struck by the Brussels Mint on behalf of foreign governments since 1868 follows:

Brazil: 1869, 1870, 1872, 1873, 1901, 1902.

Bulgaria: 1888, 1889, 1925.

Congo: 1887, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1894, 1896, 1906, 1908, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1936, 1937.

Egypt: 1870, 1903.

Greece: 1930.

Italy: 1868.

Liberia: 1936.

Lithuania: 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938.

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Luxembourg: 1870, 1901, 1902, 1908,
1915, 1916, 1924, 1927, 1928, 1930,
1931, 1935, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1947.
Peru: 1879, 1880.
Persia: 1900, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1909,
1910, 1926, 1931.
Poland: 1929, 1930.
Portugal: 1900.
Rumania: 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876,
1894, 1900, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1910,
1911, 1912, 1914, 1924.

Russia: 1897, 1898, 1899.
Salvador: 1904, 1908, 1911, 1913, 1914.
Siam: 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912,
1913, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1926,
1936.
Spain: 1937.
Venezuela: 1879, 1880.
Yugoslavia: 1927.
Zanzibar: 1883, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1890,
1891.
Maria Theresa thalers: 1937, 1938.

BELGIUM

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Leopold II 1865-1909

SILVER

CW 1 2 Francs

Obv: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES.
Head, l.

Rev: Value in wreath—2 FRANCS.

1904	400,000
1909	1,087,500

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BEL-
GEN.

Rev: 2 FRANK.

1904	400,000
1909	1,087,500

CW 2 1 Franc

Obv: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES.
Head, l.

Rev: Value in wreath—1 FRANC.

1904	803,000
1909	2,250,000

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BEL-
GEN.

Rev: 1 FRANK.

1904	803,000
1909	2,250,000

CW 3 50 Centimes

Obv: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES.
Head, l.

Rev: Belgian lion supporting the tables of
the constitution. Above, L'UNION FAIT
LA FORCE; below, value and date.

1901	3,000,000
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Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BEL-
GEN.

Rev: EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.
1901 3,000,000

CW 4 50 Centimes

Obv: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES.
Head, l.

Rev: Value in wreath—50 CENTS.

1907	545,000
1909	2,510,000

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BEL-
GEN.

Rev: 50 CENTN.

1907	545,000
1909	2,502,916

COPPER NICKEL

CW 8 10 Centimes

Obv: L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE. Belgian
lion. Date.

Rev: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES.
Value.

1901	551,995
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Flemish Type

Obv: DR EENDRACHT MACHT.

Rev: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BEL-
GEN.

1901	556,414
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BELGIUM

CW 8a 5 Centimes

Obv: L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE. Belgian lion. Date.

Rev: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES. Value.

1901 2,494,063

Flemish Type

Obv: DR BENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

Rev: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BELGEN.

1901 2,491,287

CW 5 25 Centimes (holed type)

Obv: ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Crowned monogram and date.

Rev: Branch of laurel, l; 25 CES, r.

1908 4,006,878

1909 1,998,086

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE.

Rev: 25 CEN.

1908 4,011,357

CW 6 10 Centimes (holed type)

Obv: ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Crowned monogram and date.

Rev: Branch of laurel, l; 10 CES, r.

1901 582,377

1902 5,865,609

1903 763,387

1904 16,354,035

1905 14,392,452

1906 1,482,882

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE.

Rev: 10 CEN.

1902 1,560,041

1903 5,658,303

1904 16,833,912

1905 13,758,239

1906 2,016,857

CW 7 5 Centimes (holed type)

Obv: ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Crowned monogram and date.

Rev: Branch of laurel, l; 5 CES, r.

1901 202,100

1902 1,416,017

1903 863,878

1904 5,813,932

1905 9,575,374

1906 8,463,239

1907 993,028

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE.

Rev: 5 CEN.

1902 1,485,467

1903	1,001,932
1904	5,811,667
1905	7,002,418
1906	11,015,564
1907	997,965

COPPER

CW 9 2 Centimes

Obv: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES. Crowned monogram within wreath. Date below.

Rev: Belgian lion supporting the Tables of the constitution. Above, L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE; below, value.

1902 2,489,877

1905 4,981,359

1909 4,998,236

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

1902 2,488,114

1905 4,986,481

1909 565,062

CW 10 1 Centime

Obv: LEOPOLD II ROI DES BELGES. Crowned monogram within wreath. Date below.

Rev: Belgian lion supporting the Tables of the constitution. Above, L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE; below, value.

1901 3,742,800

1902 2,487,349

1907 3,966,780

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD II KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

1901 3,738,457

1902 2,482,438

1907 3,966,780

Albert I — 1909-1934

GOLD



CW 11 20 Francs

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Bust of King, l. in uniform.

BELGIUM

Rev. Crowned shield of arms. Value and date.

1914 125,000

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: Crowned shield of arms. Value and date.

1914 125,000

SILVER

CW 12 20 Francs

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head, l.

Rev: Shield of arms surrounded by the collar of the Order of Leopold. Value 20FR. Date below.

1933 200,000

1934 12,300,000

Flemish Type

Obv. ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN

Rev: Shield of arms, value and date.

1933 200,000

1934 12,300,000

CW 13 2 Francs

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head of King l.

Rev: Reversed wreath of oak and olive. Value 2 FRANCS. Date. Below, L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE.

1910 800,000

1911 1,000,000

1912 375,000

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: 2 FRANK. EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

1911 1,775,000

1912 375,000

CW 14 1 Franc

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head of King l.

Rev: Reversed wreath of oak and olive. Value 1 FRANC and date. Below, L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE.

1910 2,790,000

1911 2,810,000

1912 3,250,000

1913 3,000,000

1914 6,221,581

1917* 5,000,000

*1917. Struck at Birmingham in 1917 but dated 1914

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: 1 FRANK. EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

1910 2,750,000

1911 2,250,000

1912 3,250,000

1913 3,000,000

1914 5,221,581

1917* 5,000,000

*1917. Struck at Birmingham in 1917 but dated 1914.

CW 15 50 Centimes

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head of King, l.

Rev: Reversed wreath of oak and olive. Value 50 CENTIEMES and date. Below, L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE.

1910 1,900,000

1911 2,063,000

1912 1,000,000

1914 240,000

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONINGIN DER BELGEN.

Rev: 50 CENTIMEN. EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

1910 1,900,000

1911 2,063,000

1912 1,000,000

NICKEL

CW 16 20 Francs

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head of King, l.

Rev: Shield of arms surrounded by collar of the Order of Leopold. On sides, 20 FR. Above, QUARTE BELGAS; below, date.

1931 3,957,000

1932 5,472,000

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONINGIN DER BELGEN.

Rev: Above, VIER BELGAS.

1931 2,600,000

1932 6,950,000

CW 17 10 Francs, (Commemorating the centenary of National Independence).

Obv: Conjoined heads of the three Kings of modern Belgium. LEOPOLD I, LEOPOLD II, ALBERT. 1830-1930.

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Rev: Infield between two olive branches
ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE — 10
FRANCS OU DEUX BELGAS.

1930 1,200,000
1931* 1,499,000

* dated 1930.

Flemish Type

Obv: Conjoined heads of the three Kings of
modern Belgium.

Rev: KONINKRYK BELGIE. 10 FRANK
OF TWEE BELGAS.

1930 3,000,000

CW 18 5 Francs

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head
of King, l.

Rev: Value in wreath of oak and olive above
crown. UN BELGA. 5 FRANCS.

1930 1,600,000
1931 9,032,000
1932 3,600,000
1933 1,386,500
1934 1,000,000

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: EEN BELGA. 5 FRANK.

1930 5,086,000
1931 5,336,000
1932 3,683,000
1933 1,513,500
1934* 1,000,000

* dated 1933.

CW 19 2 Francs

Obv: Allegorical figure of Belgium wounded
but victorious. BELGIQUE.

Rev: Caduceus separating 2/F. Above, BON
POUR; below, date.

1923 7,500,000
1930 1,250,000

Flemish Type

Obv: BELGIE.

Rev: GOED VOOR.

1923 6,500,000
1924 1,000,000
1930 1,252,000

CW 20 1 Franc

Obv: Allegorical figure of Belgium wounded
but victorious. BELGIQUE.

Rev: Caduceus separating 1/F. Above, BON
POUR; below, date.

1922 14,000,000
1923 22,500,000
1928 5,000,000
1929 7,415,000
1930 2,500,000

1933 1,212,500
1934 8,025,000
1935 2,237,500

Flemish Type

Obv: BELGIE.

Rev: GOED VOOR.

1922 19,000,000
1923 17,500,000
1928 4,975,000
1929 7,500,000
1930 2,865,000
1933 785,000
1934 8,025,000
1935 2,237,500

CW 21 50 Centimes

Obv: Allegorical figure of Belgium wounded
but victorious. BELGIQUE.

Rev: Caduceus separating 50/CES. Above,
BON POUR; below, date.

1922 6,180,000
1923 8,820,000
1927 7,000,000
1928 3,000,000
1929 1,000,000
1930 1,000,000
1932 2,530,000
1933 2,861,000
1934 920,000

Flemish Type

Obv: BELGIE.

Rev: GOED VOOR.

1923 15,000,000
1928 10,000,000
1930 2,252,000
1932 2,000,000
1933 3,139,000
1934 920,000

COPPER-NICKEL

CW 22 25 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Crowned monogram of Albert I.
ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Date.

Rev: To left, branch of laurel; to right, 25
CES.

1913 2,010,554
1920 2,844,000
1921 7,464,000
1922 7,600,000
1923 11,356,000
1926 1,300,000
1927 8,800,000
1928 4,351,000
1929 9,600,000

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE.

Rev: 25 CEN.

1910 2,006,473
1913 2,010,342
1921 11,187,208

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1922	14,200,000
1926	6,400,000
1927	3,399,000
1928	9,200,000
1929	7,804,000
1930*	1,176,000

* dated 1929.

CW 23 10 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Crowned monogram of Albert I.
ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Date.

Rev: To left, branch of laurel; to right, 10
CES.

1920	6,250,000
1921	7,215,000
1923	20,625,000
1926	6,916,000
1927	8,125,000
1928	6,895,000
1929	9,760,000
1930*	2,500,000

* dated 1929.

With star below date to indicate a change in
the alloy.

1930	2,000,000
1931	5,000,000
1932*	1,270,000

* dated 1931.

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE.

Rev: 10 CEN.

1920	5,050,000
1921	7,580,000
1922	6,250,000
1924	5,825,000
1925	8,160,000
1926	6,250,000
1927	10,625,000
1928	6,750,000
1929	4,668,500

With star below date to indicate change in
alloy.

1930	1,581,250
1931	5,000,000

CW 24 5 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Crowned monogram of Albert I.
ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Date.

Rev: to left, branch of laurel; to right, 5
CES.

1910	8,011,286
1913	5,005,423
1914	1,006,034
1920	10,040,000
1922	12,640,000
1923	9,000,000
1925	15,860,000
1926	7,000,000
1927	2,000,000
1928	12,506,500

With star below date to indicate a change in
the alloy.

1931	1,430,000
1932	5,520,000

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE.

Rev: 5 CEN.

1910	8,032,999
1914	6,039,540
1920	10,030,000
1921	4,200,000
1922	13,180,000
1923	3,530,000
1924	5,260,000
1925	13,000,000
1927	6,938,000
1928	6,252,000

With star below date to indicate change in
alloy.

1930	3,000,000
1931	6,000,000

COPPER

CW 25 2 Centimes

Obv: The crowned monogram of Albert I
within wreath. ALBERT ROI DES
BELGES. Date below.

Rev: Belgian lion supporting the tables of
the constitution. Above, L'UNION FAIT
LA FORCE; below, value.

1911	644,657
1912	4,927,694
1914	490,543
1919	5,000,000

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: EEN DRACHT MAAKT MACHT.
2 CENTN.

1910	1,248,248
1911	6,441,007
1912	1,601,341
1919	4,997,921

CW 26 1 Centime

Obv: The crowned monogram of Albert I
within wreath. ALBERT ROI DES
BELGES. Date below.

Rev: Belgian lion supporting the tables of
the constitution. Above, L'UNION FAIT
LA FORCE; below, value.

1912	2,540,495
1914	869,587

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: EEN DRACHT MAAKT MACHT.

1912

2,542,156

ZINC

CW 30 50 Centimes

Obv: Star of five rays. BELGIE-BELGIQUE.
Date.

Rev: Shield and value.

1918

7,394,400

CW 31 25 Centimes

Obv: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. 25 CENT. Date

Rev: Lion.

1915

8,079,538

1916

10,671,132

1917

3,554,868

1918

5,489,200

CW 32 10 Centimes

Obv: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. 10 CENT. Date.

Rev: Lion.

1915

9,681,224

1916

37,382,011

1917

1,447,300

CW 33 5 Centimes

Obv: BELGIQUE Belgie. 5 CENT. Date.

Rev: Lion.

1915

10,199,240

1916

45,464,000

Leopold III

1934-1940. Returned in 1950.

SILVER

CW 27 50 Francs (Commemorating the
Railways Exposition of 1935).

Obv: ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE EXPOSITION DE BRUXELLES. Figure of St. George and the Dragon as in the statue surmounting the Hotel de Ville of Brussels. Across field, 50-F.

Rev: CENTENAIRE DES CHEMINS DE FER BELGES. The Exposition Hall. In field, 1835-1935.

1935

140,000

Flemish Type

Obv: KONINKRYK BELGIE BRUSSELSCHE TENTOONSTELLING.

Rev: EEUWGETYDE DER BELGISCHE SPOORWEGEN.

1940

140,000



CW 34 50 Francs

Obv: LEOPOLD III. Head of Leopold, l. date below.

Rev: Shields of nine provinces surmounted by royal crown. Value, 50 FR. Below, BELGIQUE-BELGIE.

1939

1,000,000

1940

631,135

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD III. Head, l: date below.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1939

1,000,000

1940

631,135

CW 28 20 Francs

Obv: LEOPOLD III. Head of Leopold, l; date below.

Rev: ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE. Below, KONINKRYK BELGIE. Royal crown above a sprig of oak, ear of wheat and sprig of laurel. Value 20-F.

1934

1,250,000

1935

10,750,000

NICKEL

CW 29 5 Francs

Obv: LEOPOLD III. Head of Leopold, l; date below.

Rev: Within a wreath of olive and laurel, BELGIQUE 5/FR: above, crown.

1936

650,000

1937

1,847,500

Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD III. Head, l; date below.

Rev: BELGIE/5/FR.

1936

650,000

1937

1,847,500

BELGIUM



CW 35 5 Francs

Obv: Belgian lion; to r., 5 FR; below, date.
Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the provinces of Brabant, Antwerp and Liege.

1938	3,200,000
1939	8,219,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Belgian lion, to r., 5 FR; below, date.
Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1938	3,200,000
1939	8,219,000

CW 36 1 Franc

Obv: Belgian lion; to r., 1 FR; below, date.
Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the provinces of West Flanders, Namur and Limbourg.

1939	36,000,000
1940	10,865,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Belgian lion; to r., 1FR; below, date.
Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1939	36,000,000
1940	10,865,000

COPPER NICKEL



CW 37 25 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III (double L III around center hole). Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the cities of Bruges, Brussels, and Mons. Below, 25 C.

1938	7,200,000
1939	7,732,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1938	7,200,000
1939	7,732,000

CW 38 10 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the cities of Antwerp, Hasselt and Namur. Below, 10 C.

1938	3,000,000
1939	7,000,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1938	3,000,000
1939	8,425,000

CW 39 5 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the cities of Arlon, Gand and Liege. Below, 5 C.

1939	3,000,000
1940	1,970,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1939	3,000,000
1940	1,970,000

German Occupation — World War II

ZINC

CW 40 5 Francs

Obv: LEOPOLD III ROI DES BELGES. Head of Leopold, r.

Rev: In center 5 F, crowned; on either side, monogram of Leopold III. Date below.

1941	15,200,000
1943	14,400,000
1944	934,000
1945	3,200,000
1946	4,452,000
1947	3,700,000

BELGIUM



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Flemish Type

Obv: LEOPOLD III KONING DER BELGEN.

Rev: 5 F, crowned; monogram of Leopold on either side; date below.

1941	27,544,000
1943	1,836,000
1944	934,000
1945	3,200,000
1946	4,000,000
1947	36,000

CW 41 1 Franc

Obv: Lion of Belgium on shield; to l, BELGIQUE; to r, BELGIE.

Rev: In center double L III, crowned. Across field 1-F.

1941	16,000,000
1942	25,000,000
1943	28,000,000
1944	12,095,000
1945	8,000,000
1946	18,000,000
1947	3,175,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Lion of Belgium on shield; to l, BELGIE; to r, BELGIQUE.

1942	42,000,000
1943	28,000,000
1944	12,095,000
1945	7,930,000
1946	18,000,000
1947	3,000,000

CW 42 25 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III (double L III around center hole). Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the cities of Bruges, Brussels and Mons. Below, 25 C.

1942	14,400,000
1943	21,600,000
1944	12,980,000
1945	5,122,000
1946	7,000,000
1947	300,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1942	14,400,000
1943	21,600,000
1944	12,980,000
1945	5,122,000
1946	1,200,000
1947	316,000

CW 43 10 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the cities of Antwerp, Hasselt and Namur. Below, 10 C.

1941	10,000,000
1942	17,000,000
1943	22,500,000
1944	14,070,000
1945	4,000,000
1946	5,000,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1941	7,000,000
1942	21,000,000
1943	22,000,000
1944	14,070,000
1945	4,000,000
1946	5,000,000

CW 44 5 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III. Crown above; date below.

Rev: BELGIQUE-BELGIE. Shields of the cities of Arlon, Gand and Liege. Below. 5C.

1941	10,000,000
1942	6,000,000
1943	4,000,000

Flemish Type

Obv: Monogram of Leopold III.

Rev: BELGIE-BELGIQUE.

1941	4,000,000
1942	12,430,000
1943	3,606,000

Allied Forces

ZINC PLATED STEEL

CW 45 2 Francs

Obv: BELGIQUE/BELGIE. Star above; two olive branches below.

Rev: 2 FR in center; date below; branches of olive on either side.

1944	25,000,000
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Struck at Philadelphia, USA Mint.

POST WAR COINAGE

Royal decree dated October 15, 1948

Both French and Flemish legends

SILVER



CW 46 100 Francs. Heads of the four kings, Leopold I, II, III and Albert I.

Dedicated to the Belgian dynasty

1948	2,000,000
1949	2,377,000
1950	2,807,000
1951	4,691,000



CW 48 20 Francs. Mercury head

1949	10,145,000
1950	12,957,000
1951	9,152,500

COPPER-NICKEL



CW 49 5 Francs. Ceres head

1948	10,104,000
1949	70,252,000
1950	58,676,000



CW 47 50 Francs. Mercury head

1948	5,000,000
1949	4,354,000
1950	4,110,000
1951	4,602,000



CW 50 1 Franc. Ceres head

1950	23,630,000
1951	109,405,000

BRONZE



CW 51 50 Centimes 1952. Miner's head

BELGIAN CONGO



Leopold II

As an Independent State—before 1909

COPPER NICKEL

CW 1 20 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: LEOP. II R.D. BELGES SOUV. DE L'ETAT INDEP. DU CONGO. Around hole, five crowned double L's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays around hole; to l. and r., 2 groups of three stars; date below; value, 20 CES, above.

1906	100,000
1908	400,000

CW 2 10 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: LEOP. II R.D. BELGES SOUV. DE L'ETAT INDEP. DU CONGO. Around hole, five crowned double L's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays around hole; to l. and r., 2 groups of three stars; date below; value, 10 CES, above.

1906	100,000
1908	800,000

CW 3 5 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: LEOP. II R.D. BELGES SOUV. DE L'ETAT INDEP. DU CONGO. Around hole, five crowned double L's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays around hole; to l. and r., 2 groups of three stars; date below; value, 5 CES, above.

1906	100,000
1908	800,000

As a Belgian Colony

CW 4 20 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned double L's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 20 C, above.

1909	300,000
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BELGIAN CONGO

CW 5 10 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned double L's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 10 C, above.

1909	1,500,000
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CW 6 5 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned double L's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 5 C, above.

1909	1,800,000
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Albert

COPPER NICKEL

CW 7 1 Franc

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head of Albert crowned with laurel.

Rev: Palm in center dividing 1F and date. CONGO BELGE below.

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.
Rev: BELGISCH CONGO.

1920	4,475,000
1921	3,525,000
1922	10,000,000
1923	12,362,383
1924	10,637,617
1925	20,000,000
1926	29,500,000
1927	15,250,000
1928	9,250,000
1929	10,012,500
1930	5,000,000

(The figures are for the combined total of French and Flemish types. An equal number of each type were produced).

CW 8 50 Centimes

Obv: ALBERT ROI DES BELGES. Head of Albert crowned with laurel.

Rev: Palm in center dividing 50 CES and date. CONGO BELGE below.

Flemish Type

Obv: ALBERT KONING DER BELGEN.
Rev: BELGISCH CONGO.

1921	8,000,000
1922	11,592,000
1923	14,408,000
1924	8,096,000
1925	26,704,000
1926	41,200,000
1927	14,800,000
1928	7,484,000
1929	7,620,000

(The figures are for the combined total of French and Flemish types. An equal number of each type were produced).

CW 9 20 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned A's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 20 C, above.

1910	1,000,000
1911	1,250,000

CW 10 10 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned A's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 10 C, above.

1910	5,000,000
1911	5,000,000
1919	3,425,000
1920	1,506,000
1921	13,542,000
1922	14,952,000
1924	3,600,000
1925	4,800,000
1927	2,024,100
1928	5,600,000

Struck at Birmingham with different dies. The groups of three stars are larger and the value is in larger characters.

1917	
1919	
1921	3,000,000

BELGIAN CONGO

CW 11 5 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned A's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 5 C, above

1910	6,000,000
1911	5,000,000
1919	6,850,000
1920	2,740,000
1921	17,260,000
1924	1,750,000
1925	9,250,000
1926	5,765,000
1927	2,000,000
1928	1,500,000

Struck at Birmingham with different dies. The groups of three stars are larger and the value is in larger characters.

1917	
1918	
1921	3,000,000

CW 12 2 Centimes (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned A's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 2 C, above.

1910	1,500,000
1919	500,000

CW 13 1 Centime (with center hole)

Obv: CONGO BELGE-BELGISCH CONGO. Around hole, five crowned A's.

Rev: Five pointed star with rays; on either side, a group of three stars; date below; value, 1 C, above.

1910	2,000,000
1919	500,000

Leopold III

Bank of Belgian Congo

NICKEL BRONZE

CW 14 5 Francs

Obv: LEOPOLD III. Head of Leopold III, l. Date to right.

Rev: BANQUE DU CONGO BELGE. BANK VAN BELGISCH CONGO. In upper half of center, a lion; in lower half 5 FR, star to left.

1936	2,600,000
1937	7,402,000
1938	4,000,000

SILVER



CW 15 50 Francs

Obv: Elephant walking left; date below.

Rev: 50 FR between two five-pointed stars. Around, BANQUE DU CONGO BELGE. BANK VAN BELGISCH CONGO.

1944	1,000,000 (Pretoria Mint)
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BRASS

CW 16 5 Francs

Obv: Elephant, left; date below.

Rev: 5 FR between two five-pointed stars. Around, BANQUE DU CONGO BELGE. BANK VAN BELGISCH CONGO.

1947	10,000,000 (Pretoria)
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BELGIAN CONGO



CW 17 2 Francs (Hexagonal)

Obv: Elephant, left; date below.

Rev: 2 FR between two five-pointed stars
BANQUE DU CONGO BELGE, below
BANK VAN BELGISCH CONGO,
above.

1943 25,000,000 (Phila., USA Mint)



CW 18 2 Francs (round)

Obv: Elephant, left; date below.

Rev: 2 FR between two five-pointed stars
Around, BANQUE DU CONGO BELGE
BANK VAN BELGISCH CONGO.
1946 25,000,000 (Pretoria Mint)

CW 19 1 Franc

Obv: Elephant, left; date below.

Rev: 1 FR between two five-pointed stars
Around, BANQUE DU CONGO BELGE,
BANK VAN BELGISCH CONGO.

1944 25,000,000 (Pretoria Mint)

1946 15,000,000 (Pretoria Mint)

1947 15,000,000 (Pretoria Mint)



CW 20 5 Francs 1952

Obv: Palm tree divides 5F.

Rev: 5F on star.

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